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NIVOSWITCH

Series R-400, R-400 Ex
Vibrating fork level switches

USER'S MANUAL

1. OPERATION

The NIVOSWITCH is a mechanical resonance system excited and kept in resonance by an electronic circuitry. The process liquid, when reaching the tines of vibration fork, modifies the vibration.
The NIVOSWITCH can cover the majority of industrial liquid level detecting applications including installation in explosion hazardous area. Overfill or dry run protection as well as pump control is made possible with the versatile level switch.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

2.1 General Data

R 400 / R 400 Ex		
Maximum pressure		40 bar, 6 bar, for PP flange see derating diagrams
Probe length		0.69 to 3 m
Material of the wetted parts		DIN 1.4571, Halar (ECTFE) coated
Liquid temperature range		see table in 5.1 and diagrams
Ambient temperature range		see table in 5.1 and diagrams
Liquid density		≥ 0.7 kg/dm³
Liquid viscosity		≤ 10000 mm²/s (cSt)
Response time	When immersed	0.5 sec
	When free	≤1 s see response time diagram
Output mode indication		Bicolour (LED)
Operation test		Output can be changed by test magnet

2.2 2-wire DC, Normal and Ex Approved Version

Version	2-wire DC	
	R□□-4□□-6 R□□-4□□-8 Ex	R□□-4□□-7 R□□-4□□-9 Ex
Electric connections (wire cross section)	Connector	Integral cable (2 x 0.5 mm²)
Ingress Protection	IP 65	IP 68
Output	DC current change: When free: 9 ± 1 mA; When immersed: 14 ± 1 mA	
Consumption	< 0.5 W	
Power supply (U)	15 … 27 V DC Provided by the PKK-312-8 Ex remote switching unit for the Ex version	
Setting operating mode	By switch on the remote switching unit (low fail-safe, hight fail-safe)	
Electrical protection	Class III	
Ex protection mark	Ex II 1 / 2 G EEx ia IIC T6 … T4	
Intrinsically safe data	U < 28 V, I < 100 mA P<1,4 W, Ceq < 7 nF Leq ≈0 For temperature classes see 5.1.	

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2.3 2-wire AC and 3-wire DC versions, to drive relays, PLC-s

Version		2 wire AC		3 wire DC	
		R□□-4□□-1	R□□-4□□-2	R□□-4□□-3	R□□-4□□-4
Electric connections (wire cross section)		Connector	Integral cable (4 x 0.75 mm²) max length 30 m	Connector	Integral cable (5 x 0.5 mm²) max length 30 m
Mechanical protection		IP 65	IP 68	IP 65	IP 68
High/low mode setting		Connection within connector	Wire selectable	switch selectable	Wire selectable
Output		2-wire AC, for serial connection		Field selectable, PNP/NPN transistor switch	Field selectable, galvanically isolated PNP/NPN transistor switch
Output protection		—		Reverse polarity, overcurrent and short circuit protection	
Supply voltage		20 … 255 V AC, 50/60 Hz		12 … 55 V DC	
Consumption		Depending on load		< 0.6 W	
Voltage drop in switched-on state		< 10.5 V		< 4.5 V	
Electrical protection		Class I		Class III	
Current load	max. continuous	350 mA AC 13		I_{max} = 350 mA DC / U_{max} = 55 V DC	
	min. continuous	10 mA / 255 V, 25 mA / 24 V		–	
	max. impulse	1.5 A / 40 ms		–	
Residual current (in switched off state)		< 6 mA		< 100 μA	

2.4. Accessories

– User's manual,
– Guarantee sheet,
– Declaration of conformity,
– Magnetic screw driver RPS-101 (optional).
– Sealing ring (2 mm thick KLINGER OILIT).
– Sliding sleeve RPH-112 (optional).

2.5. Order Codes

NIVOSWITCH R □ □ **-** **4** □ □ **-** □ *

Fork	Code
ECTFE coated	A
Standard	C
Highly polished	G

Connections	Code
1" BSP thread	M
1" NPT thread	P
DIN DN50PN40 st.st flange	G
2" ANSI st.st. flange	B
50A JIS st.st flange	K
DIN DN50 PN16 PP flange	F
2" ANSI PP flange	A
50A JIS PP flange	J
1½" Triclamp (ISO2852)	T
2" Triclamp (ISO2852)	R
DN40 Pipe coupling (DIN11851)	D
DN50 Pipe coupling (DIN11851)	E

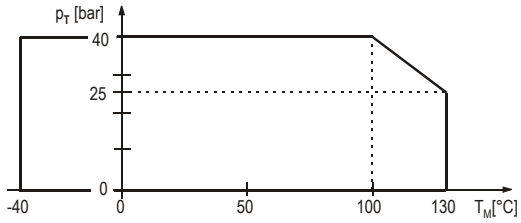
Length	Code
SHORTY (69 mm)	00
Standard (125 mm)	01
0.2 to 3 m	02…30

Output	Code
2-wire AC with connector	1
2-wire AC with cable	2
3-wire PNP / NPN with connector	3
3-wire PNP / NPN with cable	4
2-wire DC with connector	6
2-wire DC with cable	7
2-wire Ex with connector	8
2-wire Ex with cable	9

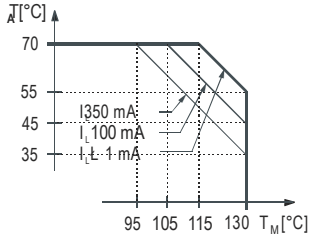
* Ex version with **Ex** mark

Flanged versions as standard come with flanges screwed on the 1" process connection.

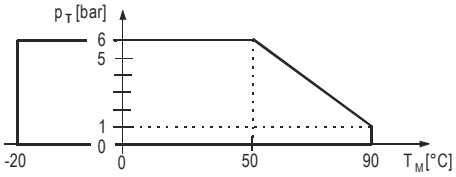
2.6. DERATING DIAGRAMS



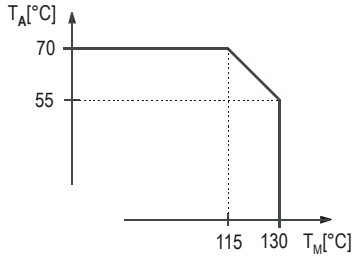
Pressure[p_T] version [T_M] for all models (exept PP flanged)



For 3-wire DC models [I_L] load current



For models with Polypropylene flange p_T=process pressure
T_M=medium temperature



For 2-wire AC models [T_A] ambient temperature [T_M] medium temperature

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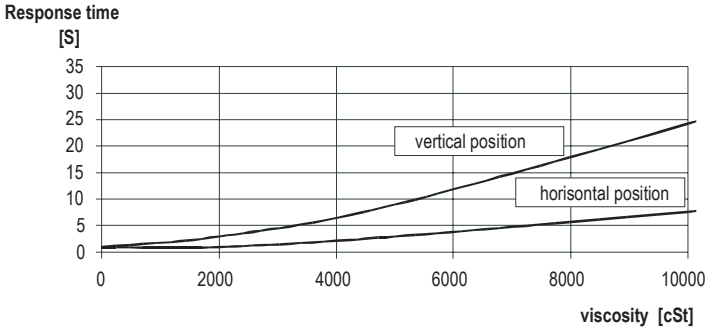

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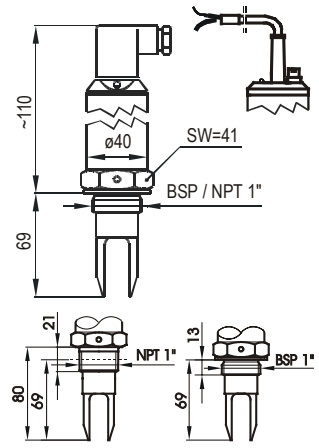
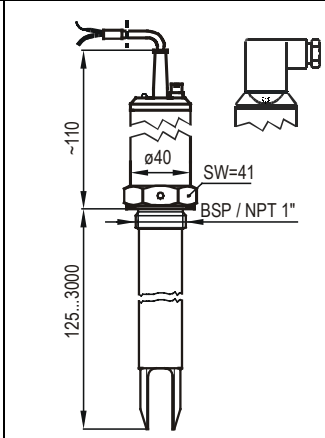
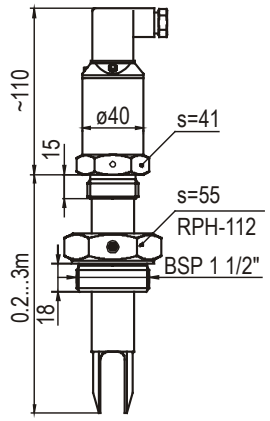
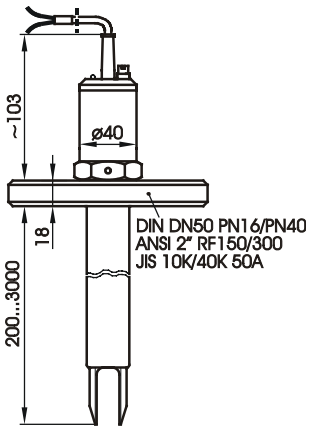
	

Sliding Sleeve	Version with flange
	
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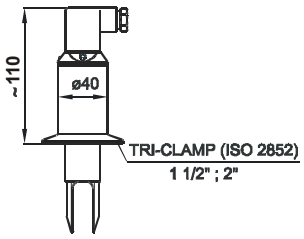
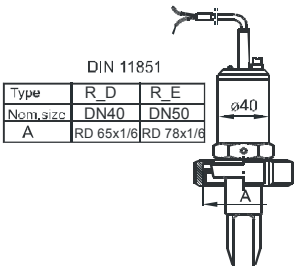
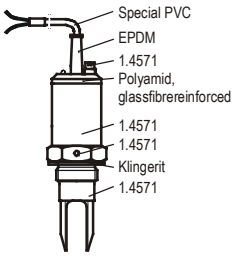
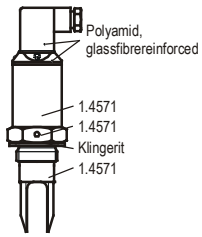
	

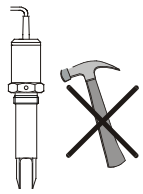
2.9 MATERIALS

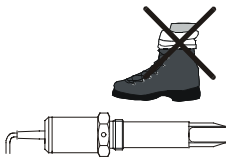


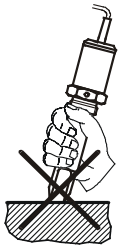


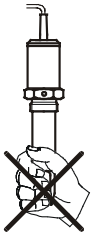
3. INSTALLATION

Prevent the device from any mechanical damage.

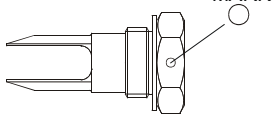








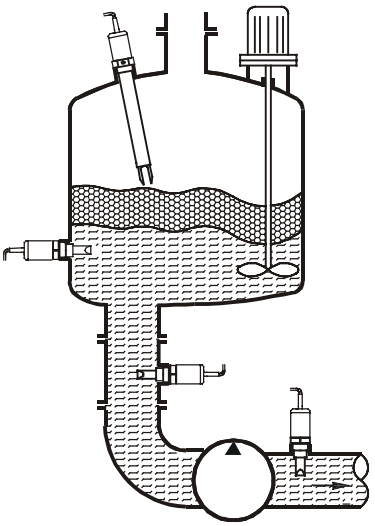
For positioning the fork-tines, use the marking on the hexagonal neck.



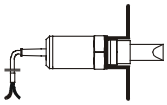
- Use a TEFLON (PTFE) tape to aid the positioning of the fork-tine
- If the fork-tine position is irrelevant, use the sealing ring provided

Low viscosity liquids
On applications, where the fork-tines are easily freed from the process medium, any of the mountings shown to the right is possible.

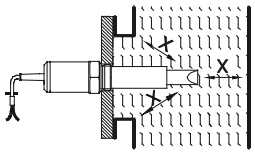
High viscosity liquids
On applications, where the fork-tines are not freed easily from the process medium, the horizontal mounting is recommended.



Installation options

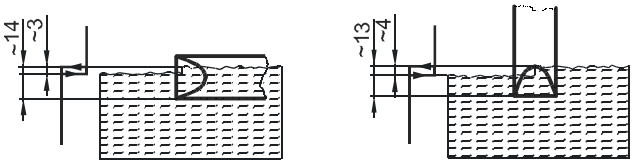


Threaded version



Critical distances (x_{min} > 5 mm)

For pipe mounting, fork-tines must be parallel to the direction of flow



Switching point and switch differential for water at 25 °C

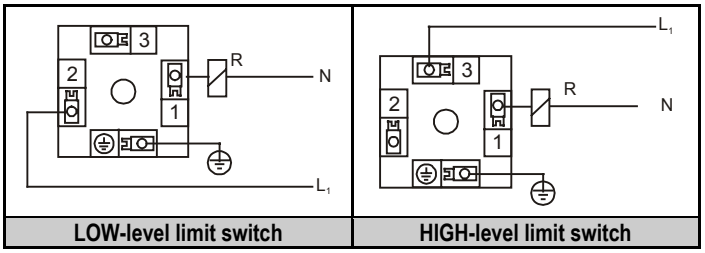
Switching point as well as the switch differential depends on liquid density and mounting position

4. ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

4.1. 2 WIRE AC VERSIONS **R ☐ ☐ – 4 ☐ ☐ – 1 connector**
R ☐ ☐ – 4 ☐ ☐ – 2 cable

DO NOT POWER UP THE DEVICE WITHOUT A LOAD CONNECTED IN SERIES WITH THE UNIT AND WITHOUT GROUNDING IT

4.1.1. Connector version R ☐ ☐ – 4 ☐ ☐ – 1

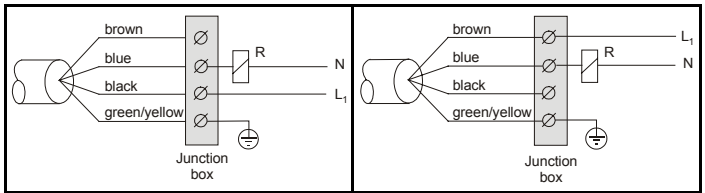


LOW-level limit switch	HIGH-level limit switch

Terminal block cover can be rotated in 90° steps to ensure appropriate cable positioning

4.1.2. Integral cable version R ☐ ☐ – 4 ☐ ☐ – 2

This version is with 4 wire cable equipped. Only one of the black and brown wires is used, dependent on the operating mode (High or Low)
Provide also a terminal block connection for the unused wire.

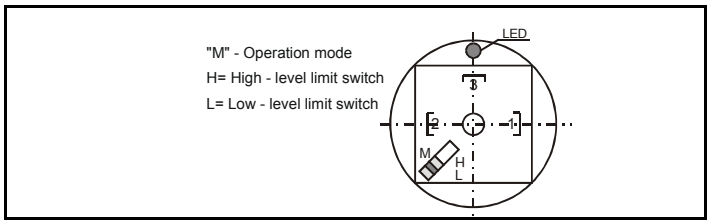


LOW-level limit switch	HIGH-level limit switch

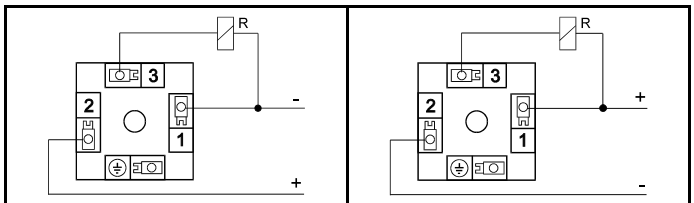
4.2. 3 WIRE DC VERSIONS **R ☐ ☐ – 4 ☐ ☐ – 3**
R ☐ ☐ – 4 ☐ ☐ – 4

In case of overload caused by short circuit, transistor will switch on and off, and LED will start to blink.

4.2.1. Connector version R ☐ ☐ – 4 ☐ ☐ – 3



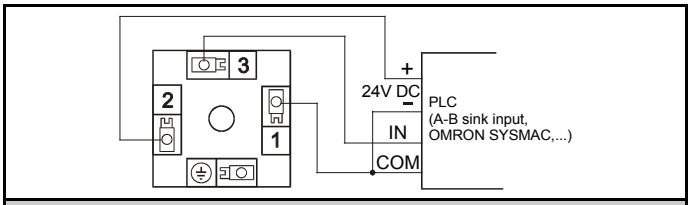
4.2.1.1. Wiring diagram for 3 wire DC version with connector in case of relay application



PNP-wiring	NPN-wiring

Terminal block cover can be rotated in 90° steps to ensure appropriate cable positioning

4.2.1.2. Wiring diagram for 3-wire DC version with connector for PLC application

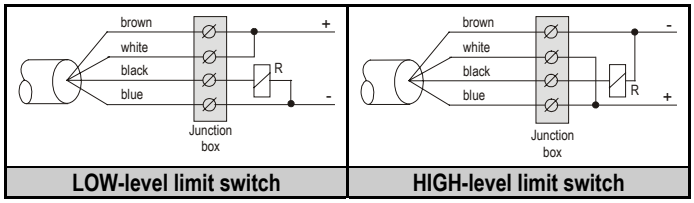


PNP-wiring

4.2.2. Integral cable version R ☐ ☐ – 4 ☐ ☐ – 4

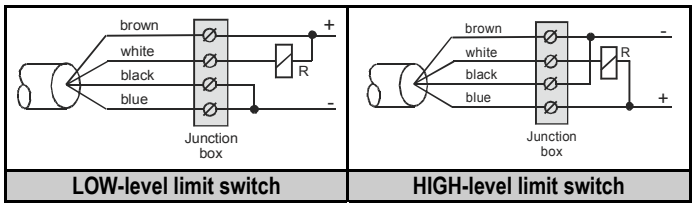
4.2.2.1. Relay application

PNP mode



LOW-level limit switch	HIGH-level limit switch

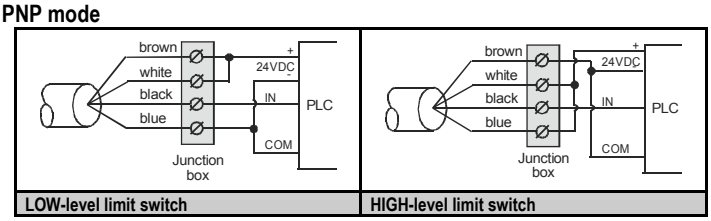
NPN mode



LOW-level limit switch	HIGH-level limit switch

*4.2.2.2. **PLC applications*** (A-B sink input, OMRON SYSMAC…)

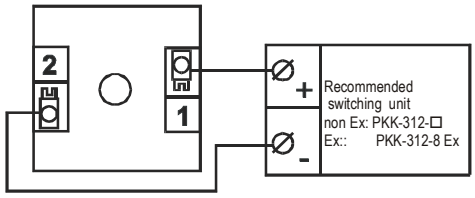
PNP mode



4.3. 2 wire DC versions STANDARD OR EX

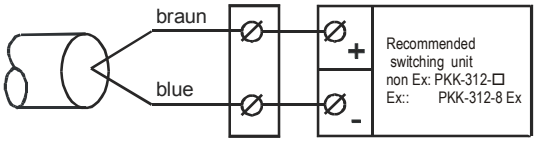
4.3.1. Connector version

R ☐ ☐ – 4 ☐ ☐ – 6
R ☐ ☐ – 4 ☐ ☐ – 8 Ex



4.3.2. Integral cable version

R ☐ ☐ – 4 ☐ ☐ – 7
R ☐ ☐ – 4 ☐ ☐ – 9 Ex



5. ADJUSTMENT

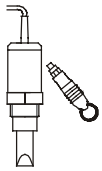
Check connecting of the wires and position of the mode of operation switch (if there is). After connection and power up the tuning fork is operational.
Operating diagram of the NIVOSWITCH (except 2-wire DC versions)

Power supply	Fork	Operating mode	LED	Output	
ON	Immersed	HIGH-level limit switch	RED	OFF	I_{min} $U_{táp}$
		LOW-level limit switch	GREEN	ON	I_N $U_{táp}$
	Free	HIGH-level limit switch	GREEN	ON	I_N $U_{táp}$
		LOW-level limit switch	RED	OFF	I_{min} $U_{táp}$
FAILS	Free or immersed	HIGH or LOW	NOT LIT	OFF	$U_{táp}$

Operating diagram of the 2-wire DC version

Fork	LED	Output
Immersed	RED	14 ± 1 mA
Free	GREEN	9 ±1 mA

OPERATION TEST



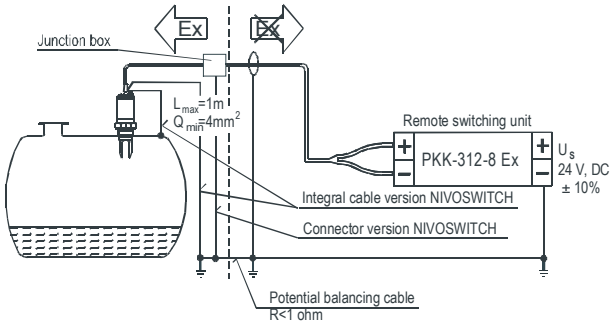
Correct operation of the switching circuit of an installed device can be tested with the optional test magnet (RPS-101).
Moving the test magnet in front of the marking on the cover of the housing the device must perform a switching (LED changes colour).

5.1. APPLYING EX APPROVED MODELS

Applying Ex approved models take into consideration the table of allowed temperatures listed below

Temperature classification	T6		T5	T4
$T_{Ambient}$	60 °C	70 °C	60 °C	60 °C
T_{Medium}	80 °C	70 °C	95 °C	130 °C

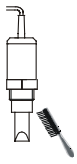
Table of possible temperatures



CONDITIONS OF SAFE OPERATION

- Ambient and medium temperature see table above
- The vibration fork level switch has to be operated in intrinsically safe circuits only. Technical data see to point 2.2
- For installation of version R☐☐-4☐☐-9 Ex (with integrated cable), a suitable junction box shall be used.
- The level switch of type RA☐-4☐☐-9 Ex is covered with plastic material that charges up electrostatically, thus:
  The velocity respectively mode of the filling and discharging process must be chosen according to the medium.
  The medium to be measured must be an electrostatically conductive material, the specific resistance of which does not exceed the value 10^4 Ωm even under the most unfavorable places and conditions.
  It is not permitted to clean the plastic material in explosion hazardous area.
- The level switch is not capable of withstanding the 500 V insulation test required by clause 6.4.12 of EN 50020. This must be considered during installation.
- The level switch shall be connected to local EP circuit with a copper wire (min. 4 mm²) within 1 m distance.

6. MAINTENANCE, REPAIR



The NIVOSWITCH R-400 does not require routine maintenance. In some instances, however, the sensor probe may need occasional cleaning to remove surface deposits. This must be carried out gently, without harming the vibrating section of the vibrating fork.

7. STORAGE CONDITIONS

Ambient temperature: -35 to +60 °C
Relative humidity: max. 98 %

8. WARRANTY

All NIVELCO products are warranted to be free from defects according to the Warranty Sheet, within two (2) years from the date of purchase.

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